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Ms. Mary Kay Verdery
Talbot County Office of Planning and Zoning
28712 Glebe Road, Suite 2
Easton, Maryland 21601

Re: White and Brink Ferry Bridge Subdivision & Line Revision TM 24 P112

Dear Ms. Verdery:

Thank you for providing information on the above-referenced lot line revision. The applicant proposes to revise the reservation of development rights area on an existing Tax Parcel (TP 112) and create a one lot subdivision. The parcel is 47.441 acres in size and is designated Resource Conservation Area. Total existing lot coverage within the Remaining Lands portion of Tax Parcel 112 is 26,429 square feet; no lot coverage currently exists on Lot 2. Total forest coverage onsite is 8.469 acres (17.85%).

Based on the information provided, we have the following comments on this proposed subdivision:

- 1. The statistics on the black-and-white site plan vary from the statistics on the aerial site plan, making it difficult for this office to provide full comments. In particular, the following statistics vary between each sheet:
  - a. The total area of Lot 2
  - b. Allowable Impervious Area, Lot 2
  - c. Total Area Parcel 112, Reserved Lands
  - d. Area in Lots
  - e. Area in Reservation of Development Rights
  - f. Area in Reserved Lands

In addition to differing statistics, it appears that the relocated reservation of development rights area and the proposed sewage disposal area differ in location on the site plan as well. Please have the applicant resubmit a site plan, providing consistent statistics and locations on each sheet.

- 2. Upon completion of this subdivision request, the applicant will have exhausted all development rights associated with this parcel.
- 3. The site plan states that Lot 1 exists and is 2.09 acres; however, Lot 1 cannot be identified on Tax Parcel 112, which is the subject of this line revision and subdivision request. A 'Lot 1' is marked for Tax Parcel 205. If this Lot 1 is associated with this line revision and subdivision request, please have the applicant provide full site statistics and lot coverage calculations for Lot 1, and please have the applicant provide total acreage for the both tax parcels.
- 4. The subdivision plat must contain information regarding existing and proposed lot coverage. Section 8, Ch. 119, 2008 Laws of Maryland at 765, contains provisions in regard to the lot coverage requirements of Natural Resources Article §8-1808.3 which may be applicable to this subdivision. Under these provisions, a development project whose initial application for development that satisfies all local requirements is filed by October 1, 2008 and whose development plan is approved (recorded) by July 1, 2010 may utilize Talbot County's approved impervious surface area limitations in effect prior to July 1, 2008 provided that:
  - a) The approved development plan remains valid in accordance with Talbot County's procedures and requirements; and
  - b) By July 1, 2010, the applicant prepares a detailed lot coverage plan drawn to scale and showing the amounts of impervious surface area, partially pervious area, and developed pervious surface area in the development project. In addition to (a) and (b) above, Section 8, Ch. 119, 2008 Laws of Maryland at 765 requires the lot coverage plan to be approved by Talbot County and implemented in accordance with the approved lot coverage plan. Should the applicant intend to develop this subdivision in accordance with the County's impervious surface area limitations, please indicate that intent and ensure that the applicant is aware of the requirements of Chapter 119 of the 2008 Laws of Maryland for proceeding as such.
- 5. The applicant is currently providing a 100-foot Buffer on the site plan. It is our understanding that the applicant submitted an application for subdivision prior to July 1, 2008. Please note that Ch. 119, 2008 Laws of Maryland at 765 contains provisions in regards to a new 200-foot Buffer which may be applicable to this subdivision. Under these provisions, a subdivision located in the RCA must provide a new 200-foot Buffer *unless* an application for subdivision was submitted before July 1, 2008 *and* is legally recorded by July 1, 2010. Should the applicant fail to have the subdivision plat recorded by the July 1, 2010 deadline, then a 200-foot Buffer will apply to this project. Please ensure that the applicant is aware of this requirement, as stated in Chapter 119 of the 2008 Laws of Maryland.

- 6. The 100-foot and Expanded Buffer must be fully forested in 3-tier vegetation, as found in COMAR 27.01.09.01 and §190-93 of the Talbot County Code. Please add a note referencing this requirement to the plat.
- 7. Mitigation for any future forest clearing onsite shall be provided at a 1:1 ratio, provided it is less than 20% clearing.
- 8. Talbot soil maps reveal the location of an unclassified stream extending from the tidal wetlands on the northern side of the site. The 2008 changes to the Critical Area law amended the definition of a tributary stream to mean a "perennial or an intermittent stream within the Critical Area that has been identified by site inspection or in accordance with local program procedures approved by the Commission." As of July 1, 2008 all the requirements of the Critical Area law shall apply, and be applied, by a local jurisdiction. Therefore, unless and until the County amends its Critical Area Program to include other provisions for identifying streams and these procedures are approved by the Commission, site inspection is the only methodology provided under the law for the identification of streams.
- 9. Please have the applicant forward to this office a letter from the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Division (WHS) evaluating the property for any rare, threatened, or endangered species located onsite.
- 10. The site plan mentions that FIDS habitat exists onsite. Therefore, development restrictions will apply if construction is proposed for this area. If construction is proposed within the FIDS area, a FIDS Mitigation Analysis sheet must be submitted to this office for review and comment.
- 11. If construction is proposed within FIDS habitat, a Habitat Protection Plan must be submitted to this office for review and comment, as required in §190-93 E(8)(d)of the Talbot County code, prior to preliminary plat approval.
- 12. The proposed project is partially located in a waterfowl concentration area. Therefore, time of year restrictions for shoreline work will apply between November 15 and March 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this subdivision and lot line revision. If you have any questions, please call me at (410) 260-3483.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resource Planner

cc: TC 521-08





